City of Peterborough

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April 24, 2026

The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada;
Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario;
MP Emma Harrison;
Paul Thompson, Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Rob Wright, Deputy Minister of Labour and Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Cliff Groen, Associate Deputy Minister of Employment and Social Development;
Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
Honourable Michael Parsa, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services;
MPP Dave Smith;
Daniele Zanotti, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Children, Community, and Social Services;
Cordelia Clarke Julien, Assistant Deputy Minister Social Assistance Program Branch;
Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM);
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and
All Ontario Municipalities

Subject: Guaranteed Basic Income Resolution

The following resolution, adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 30, 2026, is forwarded for your consideration.

WHEREAS:
1. Poverty and income insecurity continue to negatively impact the health and well-being of residents in Peterborough and across Ontario;
2. Municipal governments bear significant costs from the downstream effects of poverty, including increased demand for social services, emergency shelters, and community programs;
3. Evidence from the Ontario Basic Income Pilot (2017–2019) and comparable programs demonstrated meaningful improvements in health, housing stability, and food security among participants;

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4. A Guaranteed Basic Income (GBI) requires collaboration between the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to design, fund, and implement effectively; and
5. Municipalities, as the order of government closest to residents, are well-positioned to advocate for income security policies that reflect local needs.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
1. Council urges the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to collaborate on the design, funding, and implementation of a Guaranteed Basic Income for all Canadian residents;
2. Council calls upon the Province of Ontario to reinstate a basic income pilot with a view to province-wide implementation; and
3. The Clerk be directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, our local MPP and MP, relevant federal and provincial Ministers, AMO and FCM, and to share it with all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

Sincerely,

John Kennedy
City Clerk